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NEW DELHI FOR ERIC WEAVER, NEA/EX

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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS - VISA ARRANGEMENT FOR TRAVEL
TO SRI LANKA

REF: (A) COLOMBO 2571; (B) COLOMBO 2625

1. WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO RECEIVE REF (B) AND AGREE THAT
VISA PROBLEMS APPEAR RESOLVED FOR BOTH TDY AND PERMANENT
TRANSFER PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO COLOMBO DURING NAC.
CEYLONese EMBASSY ISSUED VISA TO JAY KATZEN JULY 22 AND
CONFIRMED RECEIVING AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE VISAS TO:
JACK OGINO, KATHERINE WARD, MARILYN ANDERSON,

WILLIAM BELK WAS ALREADY ISSUED VISA BY
CEYLONese HERE BEFORE DEPARTURE FOR BANGKOK.

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2. FOR THE RECORD, FOLLOWING IS ROSTER OF TDY STAFF FOR

COLOMBO NAC, ALL OF WHOM HAVE BEEN ASSURED VISAS:
RICHARD HINES, JAY KATZEN, WILLIAM BELK, JOHNNIE MAYO,
MARILYN ANDERSON, ROBERT MERIAN. OGINO AND WARD, OF
COURSE, ARE PERMANENT TRANSFERS. STILL UNRESOLVED IS PRESS
ACCREDITATION STATUS OF: JOHN HARTER, IPS, JOSEPH SULLIVAN,
DOUGLAS ROBERTS, WAYNE COREY ALL OF VOA.

3. ONLY OTHER OPEN QUESTION OCCURRING TO US CONCERNS
STATUS OF ERIC WEAVER'S ENTRY VISA, ISSUED BY GSL EMBASSY
IN WASHINGTON BEFORE LATTER REQUIRED TO CONFIRM ISSUANCE
WITH COLOMBO. REF (A) PARA 6 SUGGESTS THAT VISA MAY NOT
BE HONORED. WEAVER IS PREPARED TO TRY HIS CHANCES AT
AIRPORT BUT OBVIOUSLY WILL BE GUIDED BY POST VIEWS ON
FEASIBILITY OF ENTRY. PLEASE REPLY WITH INFO NEW DELHI
SLUGGED FOR WEAVER. ROBINSON

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